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April 19, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Farad Dam

Dear Mr. Kanz

I am strongly opposed to the rebuilding of the Farad Dam on the Truckee River. It will provide only minimal energy and will only be of use in diverting water to special interest groups. It is time to stop wasting taxpayer money in this manner.

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A move is on to restore the indigenous Lahontan Cutthroat Trout to the Truckee River. A dam, no matter how it is designed, will help in this effort. It will also inhibit necessary minimum flow requirements needed for habitat restoration as well as recreation and water quality issues.

52-2

A Farad dam is not necessary, not wanted and not needed.

52-3

Sincerely,


LARRY E. DENNIS

Response to Comment Letter Number 52

Response to Comment Number 52-1

Please see Master Response Need 1. No taxpayer money is used in association with the project except the processing of the project application and long-term monitoring supervision if the project is approved.

Response to Comment Number 52-2

The Draft EIR analyzes the project in context of the restoration of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Please see Master Responses Fish 1 and 3.

Response to Comment Number 52-3

Comment noted.

JUNE P. TRAWEEK
1829-1/2 SOUTH EIGHTH AVENUE
MONROVIA, CA 91016

April 18, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kanz

Re: Reconstruction of Farad Dam

As a long-time member of Friends of The River, I wish to add my comments on the proposed reconstruction of the Farad Dam by the Sierra Pacific Power Company.

It is my opinion that the proposed dam would be of little value to the area but destroy a section of river that has recovered to a healthy condition after destruction of the previous dam. At a time when there is much attention being paid to the removal of dams, it is not the time to be rebuilding one that the area has done nicely without.

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I hope you will support the "No Project" alternative to Sierra Pacific's proposal to rebuild.

53-2

Sincerely,


June P. Traweck

Response to Comment Letter Number 53

Response to Comment Number 53-1

Comment noted.

Response to Comment Number 53-2

Comment noted.

4/18/02

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I would like to contribute to the public comments regarding the draft environmental impact report for the proposed reconstruction of the Farad hydroelectric dam on the Truckee River.

I strongly support the no reconstruction option. The Truckee River is currently in much better shape without the dam. I feel the benefits of improved fish habitat, improved opportunities for recreation, whitewater boating and generally improved esthetics far outweigh the tiny hydroelectric potential at this site.

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Not only do I support the "No Project" alternative, I feel the states of California and Nevada have an obligation to take aggressive measures to reverse the devastation that has taken place for so many years on the Truckee River. The area around Floriston and Farad has been heavily and negatively impacted by the railroad, highway and power company.

54-2

Thank you for entering my comments into the public record. If possible I would like to receive information regarding this issue as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



Todd Paige
5200 Summit Ridge Drive #3211
Reno, NV 89523

Response to Comment Letter Number 54

Response to Comment Number 54-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Alternative 1 and Need 1.

Response to Comment Number 54-2

Comment noted.

4-12-02

To the State Water Resources Control Board,

Recently, I received notice of the proposed reconstruction of the Farad hydroelectric dam on the Truckee River. It is my understanding that since the dam was destroyed during the flood of 1997; the river has gone through a transformation that has brought it closely back to its natural state for nearly two miles. I believe that the preservation of the current aquatic and fish habitat is imperative.

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Since the Farad hydro project produces no significant amount of energy and other existing downstream diversions are in place, why spend the money to rebuild a dam that is not really needed? Serious thought must also be given to the impact upon fish habitat, water quality and flow, as well as, the recreational activities that will be adversely affected through the reconstruction of a hydroelectric dam. I do not believe that this project is being considered in the best interest of the public or the habitat that, once again, will be altered.

55-2

55-3

Sincerely,



Helena Coughlin

Response to Comment Letter Number 55

Response to Comment Number 55-1

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 55-2

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Need 1.

Response to Comment Number 55-3

Please see Master Response Cost 1.

12 April 2002

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am writing regarding the relicensing proposal for the Farad Dam destroyed during the 1997 flood on the Truckee River. I strongly urge you to support the **NO DAM** alternative. Not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River. Water quality objectives, optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses are all best served by the "**No Project**" alternative. This is especially true for the restoration of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. The public trust is best maintained by keeping the Truckee River free flowing.

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In the unfortunate event that the dam is reconstructed, I believe the following mitigation measures would be required:

- Boat & Fish Passage. If the dam were to be rebuilt, then the proposed mitigation measures must provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam, as well as recreational whitewater flows at least one weekend per month.
- Fish Flows. In order to maintain adequate fish habitat for the restoration of native fish such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout, minimum fish flows of at least 250 cubic feet per second (CFS) should be required instead the proposed 150 CFS.
- Public Access. Public access around the diversion dam for boaters who do not wish to boat over the dam must be provided.

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In her wisdom, Mother Nature has corrected one of man's mistakes by taking out Farad Dam with natural high water flows. Let us not repeat our past mistakes.

Sincerely,



Kris Schmidt
10354 Danube Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344-7213

Response to Comment Letter Number 56

Response to Comment Number 56-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1 and Need 3.

Response to Comment Number 56-2

Issuance of the water quality certification will legally require SPPC to apply the mitigation measures approved by the SWRCB. These measures provide for fish and recreational boater passage. See Master Response Recreation 1, an additional mitigation measure has been added that if implemented will eliminate weekend boating flows.

Response to Comment Number 56-3

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 56-4

Please see Master Response Recreation 2.

12 April 2002

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. Kanz,

Re: Farad Dam, Truckee River, Opposition

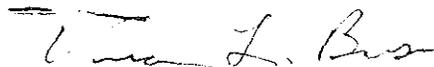
I strongly object to Sierra Pacific Power Company's proposal to rebuild Farad dam on the Truckee River. This project would provide an insignificant amount of power, at the cost of destroying the riparian environment and damaging recreation. I support the 'no project' alternative in the Draft EIR. Please protect the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

57-1

If for some reason the Board feels that rebuilding the dam would be a good idea, then the proposed mitigation measures for safe boating and fish passage should be adopted. Minimum fish flows of 250 cfs should be adopted, and public access around the diversion dam for boaters should also be provided. I have seen how boaters have to dodge a bridge on the Truckee, and trying to dodge a dam is unsafe.

57-2

Respectfully submitted,



Truman L. Burns

856 Sibert Court
Lafayette, CA 94549
925/299-8808

Response to Comment Letter Number 57

Response to Comment Number 57-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 57-2

Issuance of the water quality certification will legally require SPPC to apply the mitigation measures approved by the SWRCB. These measures provide for fish and recreational boater passage. See Master Response Recreation 1, an additional mitigation measure has been added that if implemented will eliminate weekend boating flows. Please see Master Responses Fish 3 and Recreation 2.

April 11, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Sir:

Re: The Farad Dam Proposal

Please support the "No Project" alternative to this proposal, leaving this section of the Truckee River as wild and as close to natural as it can be.

58-1

Not often in our lives will there be an opportunity to restore a river or stream in this part of the West, especially one that costs nothing. Seize this chance! Not rebuilding the Farad Diversion Dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

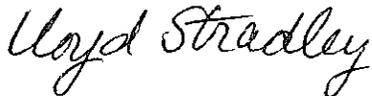
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The mitigation measures needed if the dam were to be rebuilt would be costly and involved, and require more state and federal supervision. Not re-building the dam will cost nothing and the benefits are nearly priceless.

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Please support the "No Project" alternative.

Thank you,



Lloyd Stradley
2875 Idlewild Drive #106
Reno, NV 89509

Response to Comment Letter Number 58

Response to Comment Number 58-1

Comment noted.

Response to Comment Number 58-2

Please see Master Responses Alternative 1 and Need 3.

Response to Comment Number 58-3

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Judith Dwyer
PO Box 3777
Truckee, CA 96160

April 4, 2002

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am writing in response to oppose the construction of the Farad Dam. A NO PROJECT is a fantastic alternative. We in the community and the river users have seen the transformation of the Truckee River to a more natural state. (I believe I speak for the fish too, stating that the free flowing river provides a far superior in quality of life). It is to my understanding that the NO PROJECT alternative meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River. Have you personally taken a walk along the river corridor and experienced it's bounty? Have you personally seen the migrating and local waterfowl nesting along the banks? Have you personally walked beneath the cottonwoods and pines? Have you fished in the cool green pools for native species? (naturally in a catch and release fashion) In the advent of the Martis fire that did some damage along the river corridor, don't you feel that it is in the best interest of the river to leave it free flowing to restore what was destroyed in that fire?

59-1

It is also to my understanding that the power produced by this dam is so minimal that it will take years (if not eons) to recoup the construction costs. Now where is the sense in that? SPPC does not lose water rights due to their other existing dams in the Verdi area.

59-2

And didn't I just read in the Reno Gazette Journal that a division of SPPC, Nevada Power, is having financial difficulties in the lower part of Nevada? Wouldn't it be good business on the part of SPPC to save those construction costs for minimal power and focus their attention to their bigger and more immediate problem at hand? In reality, we as a community, we as custodians of our planet, should be turning our resources and knowledge to other sources of energy that do not destroy our sensitive environment. Come on, we only have one planet! Let's not abuse it; let's take action down to what we do have control of: our immediate surroundings.

59-3

Mr. Kanz I look forward to hearing other public comments on the April 26 meeting in Truckee.

Kindly,


Judith Dwyer

Response to Comment Letter Number 59

Response to Comment Number 59-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 59-2

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Need 2.

Response to Comment Number 59-3

It is SPPC's decision to apply for water quality certification. Please also see Master Response Cost 1.

ROBERT A. BELL
12485 HILLSIDE DRIVE
TRUCKEE, CA 96161

Comment Letter Number 60

April 2, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
California State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Farad Dam Proposal

Dear Mr. Kanz

I support the "No Project" alternative because by not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam we will best meet the state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives, providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses, and restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout, and maintaining public trust values.

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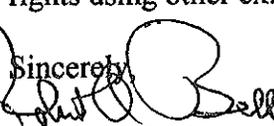
In addition, if the dam were to be rebuilt, than the proposed mitigation measures intended to provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam, as well as provide whitewater flows for one weekend per month should be adopted. Additional mitigation measures are needed if the dam were rebuilt. These include providing minimum fish flows of 250 cubic feet per second instead of the proposed 150. Biologists consider 250 cfs to be optimum fish flows for the Truckee River. This is particularly important for the restoration of native fish such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. Finally, if the dam is rebuilt we must provide public access around the diversion dam for boaters who do not wish to boat over the dam.

60-2

60-3

As a resident of Truckee I enjoy the free flowing of the river along Interstate 80 because it is very scenic and needs to be preserved in as natural state as possible and rebuilding the dam will produce an insignificant amount of energy and Sierra Pacific can utilize its Truckee River water rights using other existing downstream diversions.

60-4

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bell

Response to Comment Letter Number 60

Response to Comment Number 60-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 60-2

Measures are included in the project to ensure fish and boat passage. The recreation mitigation has changed; please see Master Response Recreation 1.

Response to Comment Number 60-3

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 60-4

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Need 2.

ROBERT A. BELL
12485 HILLSIDE DRIVE
TRUCKEE, CA 96161

May 5, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
California State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Farad Dam Proposal
Follow-up to previous written letter

Dear Mr. Kanz

After attending the public hearings in Truckee, I continue to support the "No Project" alternative because by not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam we will best meet the state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives, providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses, and restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout, and maintaining public trust values.

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Further, Sierra Pacific stated in the public hearings, that the only experience with inflatable dams was in Southern California. I believe that there should be verification that an inflatable dam will function properly in the extreme and freezing temperatures of the High Sierra and specifically the Truckee River. If you recall history, the Truckee River was once the ice harvesting capitol of the world and can remain below freezing continuously for weeks and weeks, thru day and night, and with greater intensity in this canyon. I frequently drive Interstate 80 in the winter and leaking water from the wooden flumes remains frozen throughout the winter months and accumulates in ever larger and growing icicles thru the winter months. I believe that ice forming on and around the rubber dam will in a few short years result in the dam not functioning properly or being severely damaged which will result in malfunctions and additional environmental damage.

61-2

I also believe that a study should be conducted to see a cost benefit analysis on spending 8-10 million dollars, the stated cost of the dam construction, including the unstated yearly maintenance costs against spending an equivalent amount of money on subsidizing or outright purchase and distribution of compact fluorescent bulbs that use one fourth the energy and thereby negate the need to generate power by the disruption and manipulation of a river with "wild and scenic" potential designation.

61-3

In conclusion, dams frequently do not perform precisely as designed, history verifys this, and seldom are they maintained as promised, and always fish and recreation suffer do to human intervention.

THIS DAM IS NOT NECESSARY. PLEASE LET THE RIVER RUN FREE.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Bell

Response to Comment Letter Number 61

Response to Comment Number 61-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 61-2

SPPC has a high level of interest in making sure the dam functions properly once it is built. Inflatable dams have been tested in freezing temperatures, and the Farad inflatable dam will be manufactured to design specifications for use in the specific climate of the Truckee River.

Response to Comment Number 61-3

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Need 3.

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Russkany
State Water Resources Control Board
Box 2000
Sac, Ca 95812-2000

Dear Mr Kany,

Please protect the Truckee River! Support the "No Project" alternative. Protect water while also protecting fish flows and recreational use of this beautiful and unique river.

Sincerely
Paula Orloff
PO Box 566
Penn Valley, Ca 95946
(530) 432-2583

62-1

Response to Comment Letter Number 62

Response to Comment Number 62-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Recreation 1 and Cost 1.

April 1 2001

Dear Russ Kang

I urge you not to rebuild the Farad diversion
dam.

The Truckee river has benefitted enormously
since the 1997 flood.

63-1

Sincerely,

J. Rickard

Janine Rickard

11660 Scenic Drive
Nevada City
Ca 95960

Response to Comment Letter Number 63

Response to Comment Number 63-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

28 April 02

Mr Kantz,

I am writing to you to express my support for the "No Project" Alternative of the Truckee River Farad Dam reconstruction proposal. As we now know, so much better than we did when Farad was originally constructed, Dams have significant negative impacts on rivers, at the dam site, upstream, and downstream. ~~I~~

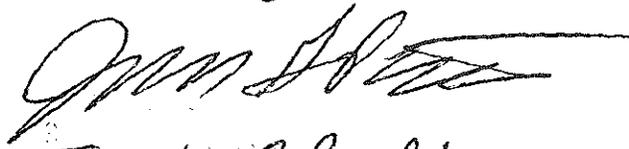
I do not begrudge Sierra Pacific Power for proposing to reconstruct it, they are just doing their job - looking for the cheapest way to make power. But the fact is that hydro power is only cheap because they won't be paying for the tremendous harm done to the Truckee River. We the people, and you in particular, have to decide if we want to allow them to do this to a public resource.

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I for one do not want the Truckee sold out so cheaply. And since I own a cabin in the Sierra Pacific service area, I am willing to put my money where my mouth is. Since the Farad Dam will provide such a small fraction of their electricity, any rate increase to us customers should be a for lower price than a degraded & de watered Truckee River.

Thank you for reading my comments, Sincerely,


Joseph G. Petrosky

Response to Comment Letter Number 64

Response to Comment Number 64-1

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 64-2

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Cost 1.

Miss Kanz
 Water Resources ^{Control} Board
 Division of Water Rights
 Box 2000
 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed reconstruction of the Farad Hydroelectric Dam.

I am in favor of the no Project option. I believe the recreational and ecological value created by the deconstruction of the Dam by the 1997 flood far outweighs the minimal power that would be produced by the dam's reconstruction.

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The possible restoration of the Lahontan cutthroat trout to the Truckee and to Lake Tahoe is reason enough to oppose the rebuilding of the Farad Hydro dam.

65-2

The beauty of the Truckee is what drew me to the amazing Truckee/Tahoe/Reno area. Preserving this beauty and maintaining the natural, healthy section of the Truckee will continue to draw outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds to the area.

65-3

Please oppose the reconstruction of the Farad dam.

Mackenzi Keliher
 PO Box 13108
 Reno, NV 89507

Sincerely,
 Mackenzi Keliher

Response to Comment Letter Number 65

Response to Comment Number 65-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Alternative 1 and Need 1.

Response to Comment Number 65-2

Please see Master Response Fish 1.

Response to Comment Number 65-3

Please see Master Response Cost 1.

May 13, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Farad Diversion Dam Replacement Project—Fish Flows

Dear Mr. Kanz:

The DEIR for the Farad Diversion Dam Project finds that 150 cfs is an adequate bypass flow to mitigate impacts on fish. I understand that Sierra Pacific Power Company will be arguing in favor of a 50 cfs bypass flow. Given the minimal power generation that will come from rebuilding this facility, I believe the No Project alternative is the best decision that could be made by the State Water Resources Control Board. This is a remarkable opportunity to save millions of dollars in construction costs and maintain a healthy river. However, if the State Board chooses to approve the project, I ask that the State Board unequivocally maintain the 150 cfs bypass flow required in Mitigation Measure 6-3.

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I ask this of the Board as I do not see that the differential in power generation revenues between 50 cfs and 150 cfs at those times when there is 155 cfs or less in the river will cause any undue economic hardship on Sierra Pacific. This is especially true since Sierra Pacific's capital outlay on this project will be minimal. On the other hand, the negative effects on the fishery of this flow differential will be significant.

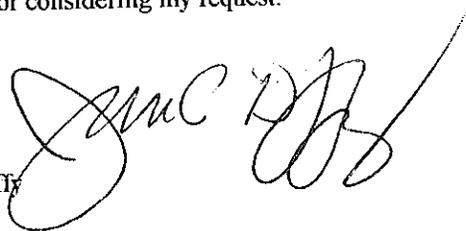
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There is a real opportunity for the State Board to do the right thing for the environment with this project. At the very least, please maintain the minimum 150 cfs bypass flows.

Thanks you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

James C. Duffy



Response to Comment Letter Number 66

Response to Comment Number 66-1

Please see Master Response Master Responses Alternative 1 and Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 66-2

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Russ Kanz,
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
PO Box 2000,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

April 25, 2002

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am writing about the proposed Farad Dam Reconstruction on the Truckee River. First, I think the most viable and beneficial option is to NOT rebuild the dam. This dam would provide very little energy at unreasonable expense. But more importantly it would negatively impact anglers, boaters and wildlife.

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If the dam is going to be rebuilt, I believe it is very important to provide safe boating and fish passage. Ensuring adequate flows for boating should also be included. Lastly, public access must be addressed.

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| 67-3

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments on this subject.

Sincerely,


David Fiore
3935 Riverhaven Dr.
Reno, NV 89509

Response to Comment Letter Number 67

Response to Comment Number 67-1

Please see Master Responses Alternative 1, Cost 1, and Need 1.

Response to Comment Number 67-2

Measures are included in the project to ensure fish and boat passage. The recreation mitigation has changed; please see Master Response Recreation 1.

Response to Comment Number 67-3

Construction and operational public access is addressed in Chapter 9. Please see Master Response Recreation 2.

Tina Peak
160 Palo Alto Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

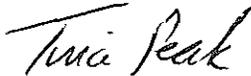
April 29, 2002

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am writing to request that the Water Resources Control Board not allow the Farad Hydroelectric dam to be rebuilt. Since it was washed out in the floods of 1997, the river in this area has been mostly restored and provides excellent fish and aquatic habitat. We need more healthy, free flowing rivers, not dammed up degraded habitat. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tina Peak

Response to Comment Letter Number 68

Response to Comment Number 68-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Need 3.

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Anderson, CA 96007
(530) 365-5852 (phone & fax #)
bdmadgic@aol.com

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I strongly support the "No Project" alternative for the Farad Dam decision. The time has come to put dam building and reconstruction aside, and allow rivers to flow freely. Such measures are what is best to restore and protect our natural heritage. Not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

69-1

If the decision is made to rebuild the dam, and thus act against the public trust, then the proposed mitigation measures intended to provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam, as well as provide whitewater flows for one weekend per month should be adopted. Minimum flows should be 250 cfs in order to provide adequate water for the restoration of native fish, in particular the Lahontan cutthroat.

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Sincerely,



Bob Madgic, author, *A Guide to California's Freshwater Fishes*

Response to Comment Letter Number 69

Response to Comment Number 69-1

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 69-2

Measures are included in the project to ensure fish and boat passage. The recreation mitigation has changed; please see Master Response Recreation 1.

Response to Comment Number 69-3

Please see Master Responses Fish 1 and Fish 3.

Patrick Huber
721 E. 11th St.
Davis, CA 95616

Dear DWR:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Farad Dam reconstruction. The rivers flowing out of the Sierras are clogged with dams. There are virtually no free flowing rivers remaining out of the original multitude. The result is a highly disrupted and biologically impoverished landscape. Natural processes (i.e. the flooding that led to the loss of the original dam) have given us an opportunity to help correct some of these problems. There has been a good deal of natural restoration along the river since the removal of the dam. This has enhanced important values – ecological, recreational, water quality, etc. Species such as the threatened Lahonton cutthroat trout have benefited from the loss of the dam while the quality of the water system has increased. The amount of hydropower lost at the dam is miniscule and should not overshadow the benefits that have accrued since the loss of the dam. I fully support the no dam alternative and urge the decision makers to allow the Truckee River to remain in its newly re-acquired state of freedom.

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Sincerely,



Patrick Huber

Response to Comment Letter Number 70

Response to Comment Number 70-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Alternative 1 and Need 1.

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board,
Division of Water Rights,
PO Box 2000,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

RE: Farad Dam proposal

Dear Mr. Kanz,

This is just a note to tell you I support the "No Project" alternative. I believe that not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

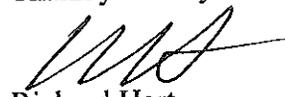
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However, if the dam were to be rebuilt, then the proposed mitigation measures intended to provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam, as well as provide whitewater flows for one weekend per month should be adopted. In addition, if the dam were rebuilt, I believe the minimum fish flows of 250 cubic feet per second (cfs) instead the proposed 150 cfs. I'm told that biologists consider 250 cfs to be optimum fish flows for the Truckee River. This is particularly important for the restoration of native fish such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

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Thank you for your consideration.



Richard Hart
Woodland Hills, California

Response to Comment Letter Number 71

Response to Comment Number 71-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 71-2

Measures are included in the project to ensure fish and boat passage. The recreation mitigation has changed; please see Master Response Recreation 1.

Response to Comment Number 71-3

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Mr. Russ Kanz

Regarding the Farad Dam Proposal, please look to the White River Dam in Washington State. The future is happening there.

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Response to Comment Letter Number 72

Response to Comment Number 72-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Cost 1.

Miss,

RK

My name is Sean Costley, I've been a Truckee resident for 11 years. I take full advantage of the opportunities the Truckee river provides. I fly-fish, kayak, or just hike and enjoy the river for what it is.

I recently heard of the possibility of a new Hydro dam being rebuilt on the river. I think for what the river provides in recreational and natural appeal for visitors and locals alike a dam is a very bad idea. For the amount of power this dam will provide it won't be worth the cost of losing a piece of free flowing section of the truckee river. I thought I would drop a line to let you know what I thought about this project, and thank you for reading this.

Thank you

Sean Costley

Response to Comment Letter Number 73

Response to Comment Number 73-1

Please see Master Responses Need 1, Need 3, and Cost 1.

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board,
Division of Water Rights,
PO Box 2000,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kanz:

I am writing to respond to your solicitation of comments on the DEIR for the proposed re-construction of the Farad Dam by the Sierra Pacific Power Company.

In my professional opinion adoption the no project alternative will best meet state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

74-1

The no project alternative is also superior for boat and fish passage. The mitigations proposed in the DEIR are inadequate to provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam. For fish passage the no project alternative will help to provide minimum fish flows of 250 cubic feet per second (cfs) instead the proposed 150 cfs. Aquatic biologists consider 250 cfs to be optimum fish flows for the Truckee River. This is particularly important for the restoration of native fish such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. The mitigations for boater safety are also inadequate to provide public access around the diversion dam for boaters who do not wish to boat over the dam.

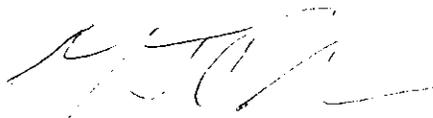
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The no-project alternative would not impair Sierra Pacific Power Company's ability to exercise their water rights further downstream in the drainage basin. Selection of the no-project alternative will show demonstrate that we have moved beyond the destructive water development projects of the past to an enlightened future that promotes the aquatic habitat. I appreciate your attention to my letter, and look forward to your decision.

74-4

Sincerely yours,



Marcus Taylor, P.E.
10574 Regency Circle
Truckee, CA 96161-1616

Response to Comment Letter Number 74

Response to Comment Number 74-1

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 74-2

Measures are included in the project to ensure fish and boat passage. The recreation mitigation has changed; please see Master Response Recreation 1. The fish passage facility is designed in accordance with National Marine Fishery Service specifications, and the boat/debris chute has been hydrologically modeled and tested to ensure passage.

Response to Comment Number 74-3

Please see Master Responses Fish 1 and Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 74-4

Please see Master Response Need 1.

RK

To: Russ Kanz

State Water Resources Control Board

Div. of Water Rights

PO Box 2000, Sacramento, Calif. 95812-2000

From: Noël Fitzgerald

9022 N. 14 St.

Phoenix, AZ 85020

Dear Mr. Kanz ;

I wish to express my opposition to rebuilding the Farad Dam. I support the "No Project", as it, the da would again impact fish habitat and greatly affect recreational users on the Truckee River. I am a Kayaker.

75-1

M Noël Fitzgerald

Response to Comment Letter Number 75

Response to Comment Number 75-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Recreation 1 and Cost 1.

PO Box 14050
Reno, NV 89507

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
April 9, 2002

Dear Mr. Kanz,

I'm writing in response to the proposed reconstruction of the Farad Hydroelectric Dam on the Truckee River. I support a "No Project" alternative. Not rebuilding the Farad Diversion Dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

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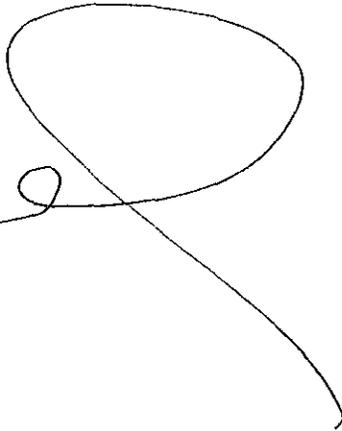
As an avid visitor to this section of the Truckee River east of Farad, I feel the recreational values of fishing and whitewater boating are far *greater than* the amount of energy the project proposes to produce.

76-2

Sincerely,



Alli Nagel



Response to Comment Letter Number 76

Response to Comment Number 76-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 76-2

Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Cost 1.

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, Ca. 95812-2000

Re: Farad Dam Proposal

The destruction of the Farad Dam in 1997 floods was a great event for the ecology and public resources of the Truckee River. The limited amount of electric produced at the proposed dam and alternative water diversion locations downstream make rebuilding the Farad Dam an unsound decision for the greater health of the Truckee River and public enjoyment. I strongly urge you to support the "No project" alternative. This alternative meets the goals of many state and federal restoration proposals and objectives to improve water quality, the unique Lahontan Cutthroat fishery, and a higher quality of public enjoyment on the Truckee River.

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For years I have been enjoying the Truckee River with friends and family while angling, wildlife viewing, and enjoying whitewater boating. I am concerned that this proposed project would have significant negative impacts on the aquatic resources of the Truckee River and would undermine efforts to restore the Lahontan trout population, which historically migrated past the dam site to the upper river and Lake Tahoe. Efforts to restore this annual migration will depend on unimpeded migration past this proposed dam site. A fishway built into a rebuilt dam is not an ideal solution, due to the limited effectiveness of fishways, narrow window of flow opportunities for migration, continual maintenance costs, and human dependence. In addition, diverting water at existing downstream facilities will leave water in a larger portion of the river providing higher quality habitat downstream of the proposed dam site.

77-2

With your position as a public employee of the State of California in charge of making sound decisions about the utilization of our public resources, I strongly request that you support the "No project" alternative for the greater good of the resource and public value. Please encourage water diversion objectives at existing alternative sites downstream that do not prevent fish passage or further degrade the Truckee River. Please help ensure the protection and revival of this amazing resource.

77-3

Please include this letter in the public comment record.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Stoecker
Fisheries Ecologist
CDFG Steelhead Recovery Contractor
1595 Tahoe Park Blvd.
Tahoe City, Ca. 96145

Response to Comment Letter Number 77

Response to Comment Number 77-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 77-2

The project is designed to ensure adequate fish passage and includes a fish screen to minimize entrainment into the flume. These effects are described in the Draft EIR in Impacts 6-5 and 6-6. No changes to the Final EIR are needed. Diverting water downstream will not achieve the project objectives; please see Master Response Need 2.

Response to Comment Number 77-3

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Beth Haines
15523 McQuiston Ln
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Comment Letter Number 78

Russ Kany
State Water Resources Control Bd.
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Dear Mr. Kany,

I have lived in Nevada County for over twenty years, and consider the natural environment here to be the primary feature of our local quality of life.

I am writing to voice my concern about the Farad dam. I ask that you please support the "No Project" alternative. This is the best way to ensure the Truckee River is protected. Not rebuilding the dam helps meet state and federal goals for water quality, fish flows, and other uses.

I am very concerned about the need to restore the Lahontan cutthroat trout, a threatened species. Thank you for supporting the Truckee River and all the benefits it provides to all species!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth M. Haines

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Response to Comment Letter Number 78

Response to Comment Number 78-1

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 78-2

Comment noted.

Mr. Russ Kanz

Re Farad Dam reconstruction

Dear Sir:

I support the "No Project" alternative. Not rebuilding the Farad diversion dam best meets state and federal goals and objectives for the Truckee River, including water quality objectives; providing optimum flows for fish, recreation, and other beneficial uses; restoring the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout; and maintaining public trust values.

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If, however, it is decided that the dam must to be rebuilt, than the proposed mitigation measures intended to provide for safe boating and fish passage over the dam, as well as provide whitewater flows for one weekend per month should be adopted.

The following additional mitigation measures are needed if the dam is rebuilt:

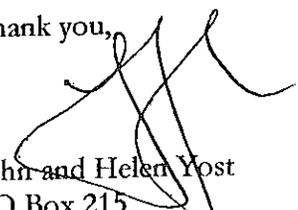
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1) Providing minimum fish flows of 250 cubic feet per second (cfs) instead of the proposed 150 cfs. Biologists consider 250 cfs to be optimum fish flows for the Truckee River. This is particularly important for the restoration of native fish such as the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

2) Providing public access around the diversion dam for boaters who do not wish to boat over the dam.

79-3

Thank you,



John and Helen Yost
PO Box 215
4216 Parrotts Ferry Rd.
Vallecito CA 95251

Response to Comment Letter Number 79

Response to Comment Number 79-1

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 79-2

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 79-3

Please see Master Response Recreation 2.

Mr Kanzi,

Please do not rebuild the
Garad Diversion Dam. Not rebuilding the
Dam will meet state and federal goals
for the Truckee river.

80-1

If you decide to rebuild or allow
rebuilding please choose the
most stringent mitigation measures.

80-2

Thank you,

Kay Sullust

938 Ryley St.

South Rosa CA

95401

Response to Comment Letter Number 80

Response to Comment Number 80-1

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 80-2

Comment noted.

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April 2, 2002

To: Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board

From: Randy Porpilia

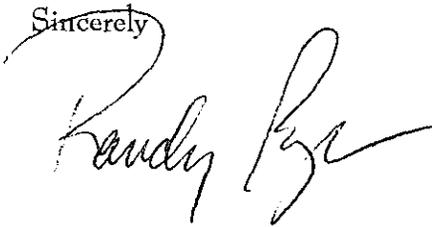
Dear Mr. Kanz,

I am a resident of Auburn, but have made many (a hundred?) of trips up I-80 over the past 22 years. Why? To visit the Truckee river for its beautiful fishing and kayaking. It's a treasure that people overlook in their rush to get to Reno.

I'm writing to advocate the "No Project" alternative for the Farad dam. The ongoing health of the river and its systems should finally be given equal consideration to endless development.
Thanks.

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Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Porpilia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Response to Comment Letter Number 81

Response to Comment Number 81-1

Comment noted.

Bruce Ajari
P.O. Box 630
Tahoe City, CA 96145

May 13, 2002

Mr. Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board,
Division of Water Rights,
PO Box 2000,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Subject: *Reconstruction of the Farad Dam*

Dear Mr. Kanz:

I attended the afternoon session of the meetings that you had on April 26, 2002 at the Truckee Town Council Chambers. This letter is getting out later than I intended, but your comment regarding not rejecting them for being a little late is taken at face value.

During that meeting I listened to the many comments that came from a very well informed audience. While I understand the Sierra Pacific's position and the State's position regarding the project concerns, I believe that the narrow scope of the State Water Resources Control Board's mitigations are not in the best interests of the Truckee River.

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The two-mile scope of the "project", as defined by you during your initial comments, was an eye opener. It is my understanding that the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board *does in fact have authority to consider the impact on the entire length of the Truckee River.* They indicated that they had concern regarding siltation in the Truckee River. While the Sierra Pacific indicates that they are mitigating siltation and the impact is "not significant" in your determination, there is undoubtedly some impact.

82-2

Just as with the other mitigations proposed, while a plan without out them would not be workable, they most certainly have some impact. Whether they are significant or not only time would tell. Take the ramping issue and their potential impact on the aquatic insect population in the stretch below the river. Your fisheries expert agreed that there would be some loss. To what extent is the only unknown element.

82-3

Let's look at the logic of what is happening here. We are creating an artificial use of the river by regulating the river for rafting weekend per month. As one of the boating interest people indicated, he would favor a no dam proposal *in the interest of the river.* Without a dam at this location boaters could use the river when the water is at its peak

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run-off and the fishermen could use it when flows were optimum for them. They would share it at one point as well. What could be more natural or logical?

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I realize that we are tied to a complex agreement of water distribution above, but why muddy the waters further. The health of the river is important. The proposed Lahontan Cutthroat Trout reintroduction has suggested improving the habitat. Would this fit into the realm of habitat improvement? I do not think so.

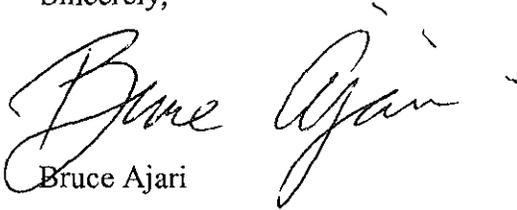
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While I understand the need for economic progress and I certainly would like to keep power costs down, the limited amount of power generated does not outweigh the overall health of the Truckee River. We cannot reverse all of the negative impacts to this drainage, but we can do so when we are given an opportunity. You have an opportunity here to improve the river.

82-6

I urge you to support the **no dam** option in making your recommendation to the Board.

Sincerely,


Bruce Ajari

Response to Comment Letter Number 82

Response to Comment Number 82-1

The purpose of the EIR is to inform the decisionmaker and the public of a project's significant environmental effects, ways to minimize those effects, and to describe reasonable alternatives to the project. These effects have been fully disclosed in the EIR. The SWRCB will review and consider the information in the Final EIR, including the comments it has received, before deciding whether or how to approve the project.

Response to Comment Number 82-2

The SWRCB's consideration of the environmental impacts of the proposed project under CEQA is limited to the scope of the project that is the subject of the Clean Water Act Section 401 certification. Thus, it was appropriate for the SWRCB to decide to consider the impacts on the project reach (and below) instead of addressing sedimentation issues in the river system above the project reach. The project's cumulative impacts on the Truckee River system watershed, however, were discussed in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR concludes that the project's impact on water quality (sedimentation) is less than significant. CEQA requires mitigation only for the environmental effects considered to be significant. This does not mean that any sedimentation issues are unaddressed. As discussed in Appendix C of the Draft EIR, which provides information about sediment minimization measures, SPPC must submit documentation regarding sedimentation to the Lahonton Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). Thus, sedimentation and siltation issues associated with the project are addressed through the 401 certification process and the Regional Board's regulatory oversight.

Response to Comment Number 82-3

Please see Master Response Fish 4 and Recreation 1. The monitoring requirements in Mitigation Measures 6-5 and 9-1 have been increased in response to comments received.

Response to Comment Number 82-4

Please see Master Response Recreation 1. A new Mitigation Measure (9-3) has been developed, and if implemented, will eliminate the mitigation requiring weekend boating flows.

Response to Comment Number 82-5

Comment noted. Please see Master Response Fish 4.

Response to Comment Number 82-6

Please see Master Response Need 1 and Cost 1.

Teal Akre
PO Box 33006
Reno, NV 89533

Russ Kanz
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 2000
Sacramento, CA
95812-2000

Comment Letter Number 83

Dear Mr Kanz:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the reconstruction of the Farad Diversion Dam. Since the flood in 97 the habitat of the river is coming back.

83-1

It is exciting for river lovers, boaters and fisherman to enjoy the new potential the river holds again. The amount of hydro electric power is insignificant compared with the new value the river holds to people, aquatic wildlife and the health of an ecosystem. There are already too many dams on the Truckee please keep this dam from being reconstructed.

83-2

Sincerely,

Teal Akre

Response to Comment Letter Number 83

Response to Comment Number 83-1

Comment noted.

Response to Comment Number 83-2

Comment noted. Please see Master Responses Need 1 and Cost 1.

Mr. Russ Kanz
California Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Farad diversion dam replacement project DEIR

Dear Mr. Kanz:

I urge the State Water Board to adopt the "No Project" alternative for the Farad diversion dam replacement project on the Truckee River. The original Farad hydro project produced an insignificant amount of energy, while harming the river. Even without replacing the Farad dam, Sierra Pacific Power can utilize its water rights by diverting water further downstream at existing facilities. Not replacing the dam best meets state water quality objectives, beneficial uses, endangered species needs, and the spirit of the public trust for the Truckee River.

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If the Board should choose to permit the reconstruction of the dam, I urge that a minimum fish flow of 250 cubic feet per second be required below the diversion to provide for the eventual restoration of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout in this segment of the river. In addition, I support one weekend a month whitewater flow releases from the dam to provide for kayaking and rafting.

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| 84-6

Please inform me of the State Board's decision on this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Cooper
150 Hubbard Way #4
Reno, NV 89502

Response to Comment Letter Number 84

Response to Comment Number 84-1

Comment noted.

Response to Comment Number 84-2

Please see Master Response Need 1.

Response to Comment Number 84-3

Please see Master Response Need 2.

Response to Comment Number 84-4

Please see Master Response Alternative 1.

Response to Comment Number 84-5

Please see Master Response Fish 3.

Response to Comment Number 84-6

See Master Response Recreation 1, an additional mitigation measure has been added that if implemented will eliminate weekend boating flows.